GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2567
ANSWERED ON:05.12.2000
MIGRATION FROM KASHMIR
RAMDAS ATHAWALE

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem appearing in Jansatta dated September 9, 2000 captioned `Atankwad Se bachane Ke Liye Apne Bachchon Ko Kashmir Se bahar Bhej Rahen Hain, Abhibhawak`;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;

(c) the number of people migrated from the State due to terrorism in Kashmir during the last three years; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to check such migration from Kashmir?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a)to(d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Reply in respect of parts (a) to (d) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.2567 due for answer on 05.12.2000.

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. As intimated by the State Government, some youths were engaged by militant outfits to carry on anti-national activities. They have also sent some unemployed youth across the border for arms training. To save the children from this menace, some of the parents have reportedly sent their wards outside the State for pursuing studies and also for business purposes.

(c): There are no reports of migration of people outside J&K due to terrorism during the last three years.

(d): Government is fully geared to eradicate the menace of militancy from the State and restore peace and normalcy. Measures taken in this direction include:

+ recasting of the command structure and deployment pattern of security forces.
+ enhanced vigil on borders to check infiltration.
+ establishment of pickets at all strategically important places.
+ Intensification of patrolling of the sensitive places.
+ Posting of aditional Nakas parties manned by Army, BSF Police at sensitive places.
+ Further honing up of intelligence network.